

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# House Resolution No. 659

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

2       **WHEREAS**, Missouri State Auditor, Tom Schweich, tragically passed away Thursday,  
3 February 26<sup>th</sup>; and

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4       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Schweich exemplified excellence in his professional and academic  
5 careers, graduating from Yale and Harvard Law School and spending more than two decades as  
6 a successful attorney; and

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8       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Schweich served as Chief of Staff for the Danforth Special Counsel  
9 Investigation into the conduct of the U.S. government in connection with the 1993 siege of the  
10 Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas; and

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12       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Schweich was also Chief of Staff to three United States Ambassadors  
13 to the United Nations, where he assisted in uncovering the “Oil for Food” scandal and rooted out  
14 other corruption at the UN; and

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16       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Schweich also held the position of Principal Deputy Assistant  
17 Secretary of State and Acting Assistant Secretary of State at the Bureau for International  
18 Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs in the State Department; and

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20       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Schweich helped curtail the opium production across the country of  
21 Afghanistan and rebuild the country's legal infrastructure and law enforcement bodies as the U.S.  
22 Coordinator for Counternarcotics and Justice Reform; and

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24       **WHEREAS**, under Mr. Schweich’s leadership, the state auditor’s office uncovered more  
25 than 30 corrupt government officials embezzling millions of Missourians' hard-earned taxpayer  
26 dollars, and identified tens of millions of dollars in waste and abuse in state and local  
27 government; and

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29           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Schweich’s professionalism, passion for civil service, and relentless  
30 defense against corruption, waste, and abuse serve as a standard for us all:

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32           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri House  
33 of Representatives, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, do hereby commemorate and honor the life  
34 of one of Missouri’s most dedicated public servants; and

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36           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
37 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the  
38 family of Thomas A. Schweich.

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